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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries on China and Japan*, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

THE CHINA REVIEW, or *Notes and Queries on the Far East*, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$5.50 postage paid, per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance. The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Botany, and Zoology, of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Italian, or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review's department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), as are also those queries which, though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper and brief and as much to the point as possible.

The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned and enterprising Reviewers. It is a six-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The *China Review* for July and August, 1875, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned and enterprising Reviewers. It is a six-page, bi-monthly, repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China.

Traveller's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong. It has been set on foot as an inquiry into a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese history, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign colonial services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are ever ready to represent in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Queries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contribution on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine.

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(Revised July 1st, 1881.)

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The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

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Hawaiian Kingdom:—
Letters, 10
Registration, None.
Newspapers, 2*
Books & Patterns, 5*
West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua:
Letters, 3)
Registration, None.
Newspapers, 5
Books & Patterns, 5

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters:—10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery. † There is Registration to British W. India Islands, 10 cents.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates:
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Newspapers, 10 cents each.
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Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

LOCAL DELIVERY.

1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within three hours, unless the order should be retarded by the Contract Mails.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addresses rather than at places of business, if a wish to that effect is expressed by the sender, or if the correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, England, or the Ports of the Empire, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same places in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed if the nature of the contents be first exhibited or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

PARCELS.—The public is reminded that there is no such thing as Parcel Post to Europe, &c. Much trouble and disappointment are caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable trifles through the parcel post, which is not allowed. Articles of Dress, jewelry, Work, and similar presents are continually being refused the sender's having often spent more in Postage than would have paid the freight by steamer. No refund can be made for such parcels of value, as they are not insured, and the nature of the contents is not discovered.

Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post to Book rates between any of the Post Offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Pakhoi, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions, 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTER, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as handkerchiefs, &c.) Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels are as a general rule forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case of the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, unless Registered.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for postage if it contains gold or silver coin, jewels, precious articles, or anything that is a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers—to British Office, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns—to British Office, 5 lbs if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration require.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, and the envelope, if available, forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or otherwise, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person employed in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere loss of valuable articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Money Order Regulations.

1. Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire. Hongkong also issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2. Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them.

3. Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. In application for an order to be filled up, it is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, the little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send such applications in time, as the Money Order Office closes some hours before the departure of the mails.

4. No order must exceed \$10, or \$50, or include any fraction of a penny, or more than ten such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same payee, by the same mail. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—

Orders on the United Kingdom.
Up to £2, ... 18 cents.
" £5, ... 36
" £10, ... 54
" £20, ... 72

Local and Intercolonial Orders.
Up to \$25 or £5, ... 25 cents.
" \$50 or £10, ... 50

5. Limits of Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom may be consulted at Hongkong and Shanghai.

6. Names must be given in full (except when there is more than one Christian name) but the name of the Payee need not be given if the order be crossed (as cheques are crossed). It can then be paid only through a Bank, and may afterwards be specially crossed to any Bank.

7. No order can be paid till the Payee has signed it in the proper place. An order can be transferred to another office on payment of an additional commission. In case of loss of an order, necessity for stopping payment, or the like, application should be made to the nearest Money Order Office for instructions.

8. If the order be not presented within six months an additional commission will be charged. If not within twelve months, the order will be forfeited. When the order is once paid no further claim can be entertained.

9. No order can be paid until the advice relative to it has been received.

Made out on a printed form which is supplied gratis.

A dollar rate for drawing on the United Kingdom is in force at Shanghai.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusion of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore L, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
Section 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
Section 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
Section 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.
Section 6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
Section 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
Section 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Class.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Commissary or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Adria	2	Portugal	Brit.	781	Aug. 8	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Straits and Bombay 19th inst.
Africa	2	Hansen	Ger.	1514	Aug. 9	Melchers & Co.	K'loon Dock
Ash	2	Lacock	Brit.	918	Aug. 9	Wielor & Co.	K'loon Dock
China	2	Ackermann	Ger.	648	July 25	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai
Consolation	2	Young	Brit.	784	Aug. 11	Tien Fat Hong	Bangkok
Dale	2	Thompson	Brit.	645	Aug. 6	Tien Fat Hong	Bangkok
Diamante	2	Cullen	Brit.	614	Aug. 6	Tien Fat Hong	Bangkok
Fame	2	Thompson	Brit.	117	Aug. 6	H. K. & W. P. S. N. Co.	Thames and San Francisco
Haile	2	Kidley	Brit.	1712	Aug. 6	O. & S. S. Co.	K'loon Dock
Hailstone	2	Bunter	Brit.	277	May 18	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Hongkong and Shanghai
Hainan	2	Speckley	Brit.	278	Aug. 11	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Straits, Calcutta, &c.
Japan	2	Gardner	Brit.	1805	Aug. 11	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Coast Ports
Kwangtung	2	Young	Brit.	674	Aug. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Straits, Calcutta, &c.
Lennox	2	Scott	Brit.	1000	July 7	Osborne	Shanghai
Li Tai	2	Ed Ten Tse	Annam	1284	Aug. 12	U. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Ma-foo	2	Cunningham	Chi.	1827	Aug. 12	Hibb, Livingston & Co.	Shanghai
Menmuir	2	Gillis	Brit.	1242	Aug. 12	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Coast Ports
Namoa	2	Westoby	Brit.	827	Aug. 12	Siemssen & Co.	K'loon Dock
Naples	2	White	Brit.	1478	Aug. 12	Siemssen & Co.	K'loon Dock
Norden	2	Rasmussen	Dan.	673	Aug. 12	Siemssen & Co.	K'loon Dock
Olympia	2	Wagner	Ger.	643	Aug. 12	Melchers & Co.	K'loon Dock
Paranango	2	Hyde	Brit.	48	Nov. 2	Siemssen & Co.	K'loon Dock
Sa Gail	2	Haydon	Amer.	93	July 7	Captain	Yokohama
Shun Tip	2	Yuen Man Fu	Annam	819	Aug. 12	Barthold & Swire	Yokohama
Tamsui	2	Whittle	Brit.	655	Aug. 12	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Volga	2	Guiraud	Fch.	389	Aug. 12	Meyer & Co.	Yokohama
Welle	2	Massmann	Ger.	389	Aug. 12	Meyer & Co.	Yokohama
Abbie Carver	2	Carver	Amer.	888	July 18	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Valparaiso
Ambassador	2	Bedwell	Brit.	692	July 24	Siemssen & Co.	San Francisco
Astoria	2	Anderson	Amer.	1396	July 24	Siemssen & Co.	San Francisco
Bertha	2	Henne	Ger.	360	Aug. 12	Wielor & Co.	Shanghai
Brema	2	Thompson	Amer.	1704	June 11	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
C. F. Sargent	2	Trickey	Brit.	674	Aug. 12	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
Carthage	2	Ketels	Brit.	438	Aug. 12	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
Chamron Kamry	2	Pederson	Siam.	483	Aug. 12	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
Clara	2	Outler	Brit.	389	July 23	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
Cuba	2	Sabell	Brit.	1485	July 23	Russell & Co.	Shanghai
Daniel Barnes	2	Stover	Amer.	1168	Aug. 12	Russell & Co.	Shanghai</